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**The Council's mission is to foster better stewardship of the
McKenzie Watershed resources through voluntary
partnerships and collaboration.**

Short Description of McKenzie Focus Program: BPA funding, in conjunction with contributions from numerous partners organizations, supports the McKenzie Watershed Council's efforts to coordinate restoration and monitoring programs of federal, state, local government, and residents within the watershed. A primary goal of the Council's program is to improve resource stewardship and conserve fish, wildlife, and water quality resources. The MWC will always have a baseline program centered on relationship building and information sharing. This watershed program is strengthened by the completion of the BPA funded Sub-basin Assessment, Conservation Strategy and the establishment of a Benchmarks system, thus, providing the MWC a prioritized framework for restoration efforts. Objectives for FY03 included: 1) Continued coordination of McKenzie Watershed activities among diverse groups that restore fish and wildlife habitat in the watershed, with a focus on the lower McKenzie, including private lands and the McKenzie-Willamette confluence area; 2) Influence behavior of watershed residents to benefit watershed function through a strategic and comprehensive outreach and education program, utilizing Assessment and Conservation Strategy information to provide a context for prioritized action; 3) Continue to maintain and sustain a highly functional watershed council; 4) Maintain and improve water quality concerns through the continuation of Council-sponsored monitoring and evaluation programs; and 5) Continue to secure other funding for watershed restoration and protection projects and council operations.

McKenzie Watershed Fast Facts:

The McKenzie Watershed provides drinking water to over 200,000 Lane County residents; the water is recognized as some of the highest quality in Oregon.

The last native run of Upper Willamette spring Chinook salmon occurs in the watershed along with listed bull trout and Oregon chub.

The watershed is 1,300 square miles in size with the USFS, BLM, private timber companies and rural residential lands comprising most of the ownership.

McKenzie Watershed Council Fast Facts:

The Council serves as an advisory body to decision-makers.

The Council serves as a forum for discussion for watershed concerns.

The Council coordinates restoration and monitoring among diverse interests.

The Council provides education and outreach materials re: river health and management practices.

The Council is comprised of 20 diverse stakeholder groups:

Council Partner organizations include: At-Large (2), City of Eugene, City of Springfield, East Lane Soil and Water Conservation District, Eugene Water and Electric Board, Hynix Semiconductor, Lane County, McKenzie Flyfishers, McKenzie Residents Association, McKenzie River Trust, McKenzie Schools, Mohawk Watershed Partnership, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Division of State Lands, Springfield Utility Board, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, and Weyerhaeuser Company.

PLANNING AND DESIGN ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Bonneville Power Administration funds in FY03 enabled the McKenzie Watershed Council (MWC) to continue to be a leader in coordinating management, restoration, education, and monitoring efforts among the diverse interest of the McKenzie Watershed. The McKenzie Focus program was enhanced in a number of important ways in FY03 and the accomplishments were many, as detailed in this report. Goals and objectives of the program are continually being met as a result of BPA funding.

Coordination funds from the BPA enabled the MWC to hold 12 meetings of the MWC. One of the meetings was a day-long retreat hosted by the council. At the retreat, an annual work plan for fish, wildlife and water quality improvements was adopted by 18 stakeholder representatives. The annual



council retreat is also a time for reflection and to have a discussion on what is working or not working as an organization. During the retreat, council partners completed a self and organizational evaluation. Please see Appendix 1 for the results of the evaluation. Overall, partners were really positive about their role on the council and the direction the council is heading. Partners also identified a list of items they would like to improve on as an organization. These items were formally adopted as work plan tasks in FY03 and FY04. For example, the council

would like to ensure that its services and mission are well communicated and known to watershed residents. This will be accomplished by developing a marketing plan for the council, utilizing a partnership with the University of Oregon.

At the close of FY03, the MWC is in the final stages of becoming a non-profit, incorporated organization. This is being accomplished by developing a legal organization called the "Friends of the McKenzie Watershed." The "Friends" will be the legal and fiscal arm of the council. It is anticipated that with this new organizational structure, the council will have more flexibility in applying for funds as well as providing legal coverage to partner organizations. Incumbent with nonprofit status is developing a financial plan whereby the organization's funding is diversified. The council developed and adopted a financial plan that will be operational in FY04, when nonprofit status is completed.

The MWC celebrated being 10 years old in June of 2003. The birthday coincided with the annual river cleanup of the McKenzie. Invitations were provided to previous stakeholder representatives and partner organizations who have participated on the council since its inception back in 1993. Since 1993, a lot has changed with the council, in terms of how it operates, along with changes in stakeholder reps. Due to the changes, the council decided to revisit and make necessary changes to its original charter. Revisions have been tentatively agreed upon by council partner reps. Early in FY04, new signatures on the revised charter will be gathered from the 20 partner organizations.

Back to the river cleanup; over 50 river miles were cleaned by dozens of volunteers. Donations of food and prizes were provided by numerous businesses. Hundreds of pounds of trash, along with some very interesting items were collected by participants. The event also drew coverage from all of the local TV news stations.



The legislative biennium for the State of Oregon convened in 2003.

The MWC had a presence at the State Capitol in Salem. On numerous occasions, the council met with local legislators and provided updates on the McKenzie Focus program as well as education on watershed issues. Legislators and/or their staff attended many MWC monthly meetings or other events the council sponsored. On the national front, the council briefed and provided materials to Oregon's congressional delegation. In May, the council provided a lead role in a joint effort by Lane County's

five watershed councils in a presentation to the Lane County Board of Commissioners. Several follow-up meetings have occurred between the council and several commissioners focusing on important natural resource and economic topics of the county; a Lane County commissioner serves on the MWC.

The Council's McKenzie-Willamette Confluence Steering Committee continued its work in 2003 by holding several meetings, developing future projects and implementing restoration projects. BPA funds enabled the MWC to continue to have coordination and leadership role in this nationally recognized process, through the Bush Administration's Initiative entitled the Oregon Agreement. The Oregon Agreement highlights important public-private collaborative partnerships addressing natural resource concerns. The Confluence Steering Committee is comprised of the major business interests, aggregate producers, along with other property owners and regulatory agencies. Their mission is to find common ground solutions that enhance fish and wildlife values of this important area while protecting valuable business interests that help sustain Lane County. The Committee agreed in concept to future restoration projects. Concurrently, the committee implemented two active restoration projects located on aggregate producers land. The projects benefit rearing spring Chinook salmon and the western pond turtle. All of this work was recently recognized with an environmental stewardship award given to the MWC from Oregon Aggregate and Concrete Producers Association.



The council's partnership with the McKenzie River Trust, a local land conservancy, continues to grow. The council serves on an advisory board that looks at potential properties to acquire or develop conservation easements. This collaboration has resulted in several acquisitions with the very important Green Island acquisition occurring in FY03. Green Island is 850 acres located at the McKenzie-Willamette confluence. The island contains valuable fish and wildlife habitat as well as tremendous opportunities for upland restoration. The confluence area, despite major land alterations, is a very biologically rich area and listed in the council's assessment and conservation strategy as high priority for protection and restoration. The council is currently leading a technical team planning restoration on the island.



For the past few years, the council has significantly improved its ability to plan, develop and implement council sponsored restoration projects, while, assisting in coordinating an overall restoration program for the McKenzie Watershed, as per the goals of the McKenzie Focus Program funded by BPA.

Improvements to the council's program include the hiring of a nearly full time Projects Coordinator, which is partially funded by BPA along with local match contributions. BPA funds helped leverage significant amounts of grant funds specifically for restoration (see table below) implementation. In 2003, the council planned and developed 10 projects (8 private landowners); all located in high priority subwatersheds, which will be implemented in 2004 utilizing awarded Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board funds. Also in 2003, the council implemented 7 high priority subwatershed projects with 7 different landowners.



Riparian & In-stream Project



Riparian Planting



Weed Removal & Riparian Planting



Weed-eating Goats

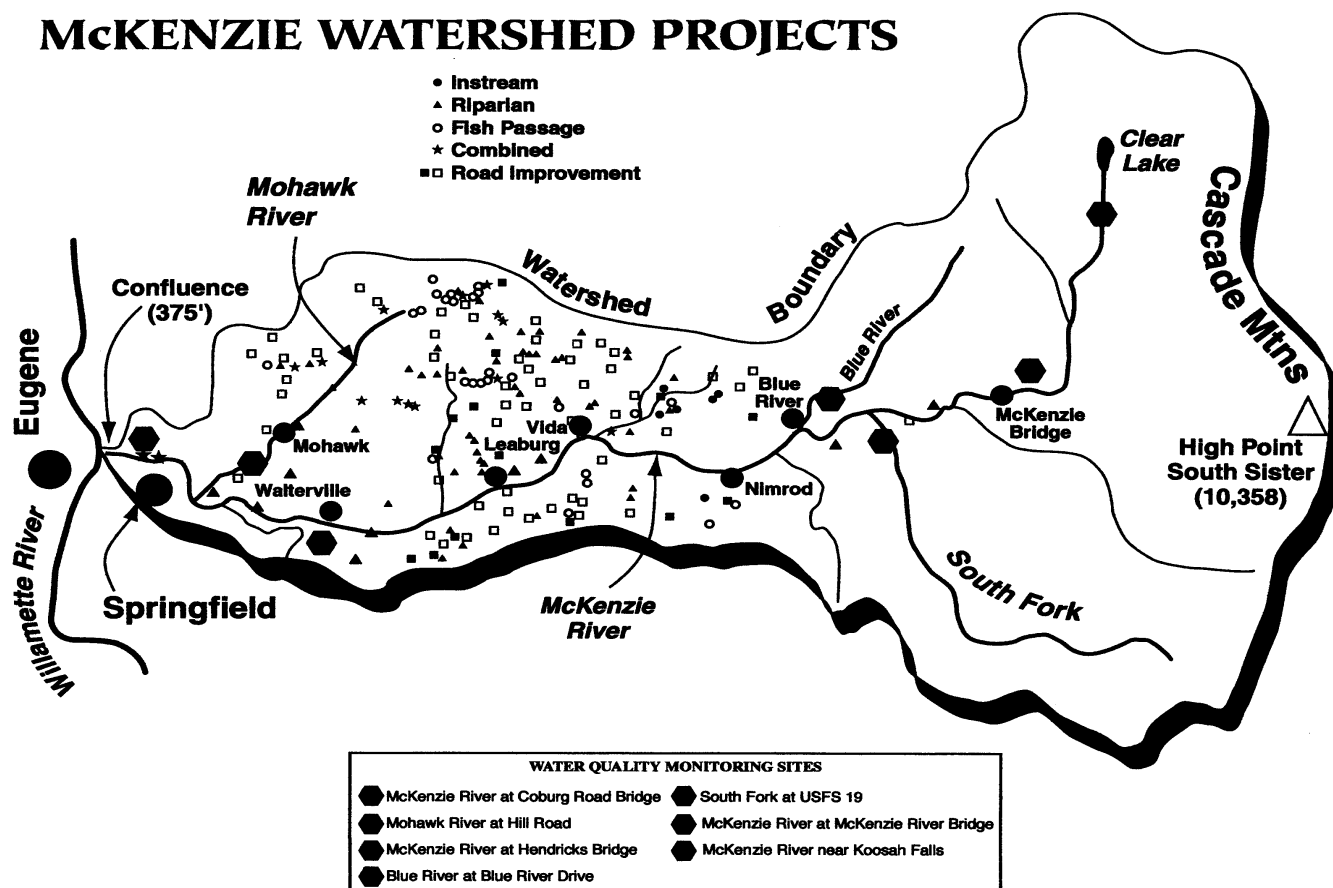


Pasture Rotation & Cattle Exclusion



Off-stream Watering Device

McKENZIE WATERSHED PROJECTS



The map shows restoration projects implemented by the council or by partner organizations utilizing the council's prioritized framework for restoration, 2001-2003. Data is not available for federal lands in upper portion of watershed.

SOURCE	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
OWEB	\$89,000	Private landowner projects (FY04 implementation)
USFWS	Approx. \$50,000	Private landowner projects (FY04 implementation)
OWEB Small grants program	Approx. \$30,000	Private landowner projects (FY03 implementation)
EUGENE BLM RAC	\$100,000	Culvert replacement (FY04 implementation)
USFS RAC	\$50,000	Culvert replacement (FY04 implementation)
USFS RAC	\$25,000	Fish passage barrier priorities (FY04 impl.)
NOAA	\$15,000	Private landowner projects (FY03 implementation)
OWEB Technical Assistance	\$14,000	Fish friend culvert designs, 7 locations (FY03 impl.)
Bonneville Environmental Fnd	\$66,000	Planning for subwatersheds
OWEB	\$110,000	Private landowner-confluence (FY03 impl.)
DOGAMI	\$7,000	Confluence project coordination
TOTALS = 7 different sources	\$556,000	
LOCAL MATCH TO GRANTS	\$184,500 approx.	
BPA Coordination Funds FY03	\$118,000	BPA's funds leveraged over 740K

As the table on the preceding page shows, the McKenzie Focus program is involved with identifying and addressing fish passage-barrier problems in the watershed. In doing this, the MWC partnered with the Middle Fork Willamette Watershed Council in pursuing funds for prioritizing and removing problem culverts in our respective watersheds. In concert with this particular effort, the MWC has partnered with Lane County Public Works for replacement of problem culverts under the County's roads. This will be a long-term relationship with the county, where the MWC will attempt to secure design and materials money to address culverts, whereas the county will provide labor and equipment for the replacement work.

The McKenzie Focus Program success and sustainability relies on facilitating and promoting grass roots efforts to collaborate on watershed restoration and education. In doing this, the council helps forms subwatershed groups to carry out the mission and action plan of the council. An example of this is the 5 year existence of the Mohawk Watershed Partnership. The Mohawk watershed is a priority restoration area for the council, and the Mohawk community has rallied to address water quality and fish passage problems. Much of the restoration and education program is focused on the Mohawk, with BPA providing funds the employ a part-time watershed coordinator for the Mohawk/Marcola community. The Mohawk-McKenzie relationship is model for accomplishing grass-roots watershed restoration that addresses the overall health concerns of the larger McKenzie Watershed. Accomplishments by the Mohawk Partnership were submitted monthly to the BPA.



Cattle Rancher Serving Beef at BBQ



Mohawk Annual BBQ

Over 200,000 Lane County residents receive their drinking water from the McKenzie Watershed. Efforts to protect this valuable resource occur by the Council and its partner organizations. A threat to this drinking water supply comes from the potential of hazardous spills from businesses, along the much traveled McKenzie Highway, and/or numerous other possibilities. To address these threats, the Council has partnered with the Eugene Water and Electric Board and the McKenzie Fire and Rescue Department to ensure that first-responders to a spill have



necessary information, equipment, and training that will minimize the effects of a spill to fish, wildlife and water quality. To this end, this partnership has secured EPA funds and Homeland Security Funds, well over \$100,000, for the purchase of spill response equipment that is now provided to 5 fire stations in the watershed. The partnership sponsored workshops with experts that provided training to over 100 first responders. Lastly, this partnership, along with 20 other organizations, is finalizing GIS products that have data on critical fish and wildlife resources along the river, where the slack and fast water is, and created an inventory map of equipment, with all of this information provided to responders so strategies can be developed quickly to address the hazardous spills as well as protecting critical watershed resources.

CONSTRUCTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

A primary goal of the McKenzie Focus Watershed Program is to influence the behavior of residents to the benefit of the watershed's natural resources. To this end, the council provides watershed educational and outreach information to residents, property owners, and businesses. In FY03, the council partnered with East Lane Soil and Water Conservation District, and hosted 2 workshops targeting small acreage farms. The workshops were a resounding success with well over 100 residents attending the workshops. Experts from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Department of Environmental Quality and other organizations were featured speakers covering an array of topics (e.g., weed removal, riparian restoration, pasture rotation, etc). Returned evaluation reports that participants believed the workshops were beneficial and that more workshops should be held. Participants are now likely practicing better management practices on their lands. Another outcome of the workshop is that 5 landowners contacted the council and District for assistance in developing and funding restoration projects on their lands.

In what is becoming an annual council sponsored event, the council hosted another Native Plants Workshop. The workshop is targeted to streamside, rural residential property owners. Over 50 people participated in this year's workshop which consisted of classroom presentations by plant and naturescaping experts along with tours at 2 locations to see naturescaping by property owners. One location is a demonstration area the council and a lodge owner developed with FishAmerica funds. Native plant nurseries donated plants as gifts to participants. Information on creating butterfly gardens to using less water for gardening was shared by workshop presenters.

The council's education program relies on BPA funds to help educate students (K-12) and teachers about the life cycle of the upper Willamette spring Chinook salmon. More importantly though, the education program focuses on what are the best management practices that individuals can do to improve conditions that will help fish and wildlife and improve water quality. There are 2 innovative games the council uses to promote the messages of best management practices; the McKenzie Watershed Salmon Game and the Salmon Picnic. Each year, the council's education manager, funded in part by BPA, delivers numerous presentations to kids and adults using the games. In 2003 alone, over 1,500 students played and learned from these games. The games can be modified for adults, with many adult service clubs and organizations playing the games in 2003.



Education conducted by the Council is not limited to the games. In addition, the council's education manager is available to the watershed schools to serve as a watershed resource advisor to teachers. In this capacity, the council works with the schools and makes arrangements to bring in resource specialists from agencies to help instruct classes on various natural resource topics. The council also facilitates field workshops to continue the instruction in a field setting. Here, data (e.g., fish, water quality, habitat, etc) can be collected and analyzed by the students. These real world learning opportunities are well received and beneficial to the students as well as helping develop students into future better watershed stewards. In this same capacity, the council also awards a \$1,000 (local match funds) scholarship to a graduating high school senior entering college to pursue an education in the natural resources field. In FY03, the council awarded 2 scholarships to 2 deserving students.



Another education and outreach effort BPA helps fund is coordination time in producing a monthly column in the local newspaper. The column usually is written post council meeting and provides the highlights and any decisions made by the council. The column also includes helpful watershed improvement tips. The council's visibility and relationship to the McKenzie community is enhanced tremendously by this form of outreach. BPA funds are also utilized in production of the council's newsletter. Activities of the council are summarized in the 8 page newsletter along with providing best-management tips. Over 6,000 households receive the newsletter along with several thousand other residents on each distribution of the newsletter.

With the council fully into implementation, the need to find and work with restoration contractors has increased tremendously. To help satisfy this need, the council, in partnership with the Willamette National Forest, developed a restoration operator's database. The database contains contact information and services from well over 100 operators from the local area. This quick reference database will be provided to all council partners and includes such information on where to find logs or boulders for in-stream projects, along with an array of names for such services as culvert design engineers, irrigation contractors, herbicide applicators, etc. This product will be updated annually by the council and redistributed.

Another product the council completed in FY03 is the final development of the restoration projects database. The relational database contains over a dozen tables that allow for tracking of progress on individual projects as well as monitoring the overall progress of the council toward implementation of its benchmarks. Annual progress reports will eventually be generated from the database that will show, where and what projects are being implemented, the goals of the project and their funding organizations. This powerful tool will increase the council's ability to communicate with partner organizations and potential funders.

With a large portion of the McKenzie Watershed being rural, there is not the availability of disposal sites that allow proper disposal of household hazardous waste. Residents have to make an appointment at the disposal site in Eugene, almost an hour away in some cases, to dispose of oil-based paint, old pesticides, and other items that can be harmful to the McKenzie's water quality if not disposed of properly. To address this inconvenience, the council collaborated with the McKenzie Fire Department and Lane County Waste Disposal to sponsor



a Household Hazardous Waste Roundup Day in early FY03. BPA funds help pay for coordinating this first of its-kind event for the watershed. Over 100 folks dropped off thousands of pounds of materials. Another, similar event is currently being planned for the early portion of FY04 at another watershed location.

Operation and Maintenance

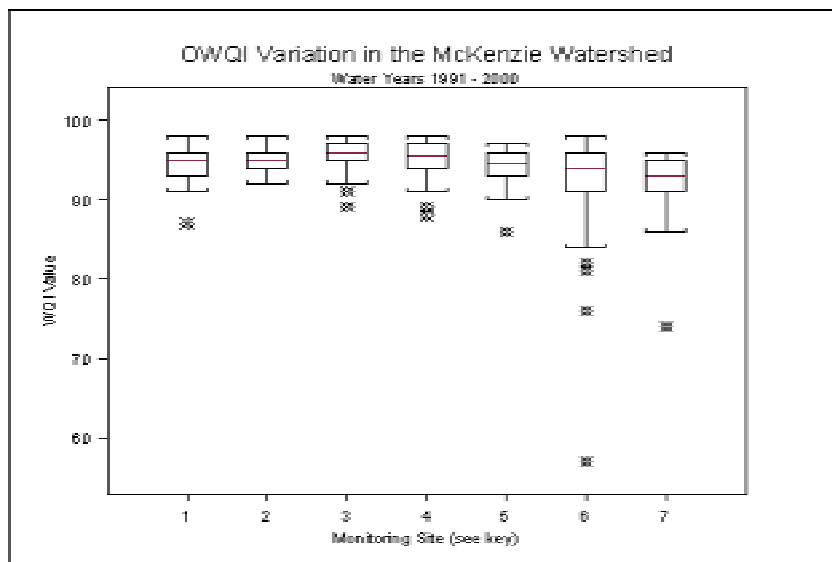
Critical to the success of any organization is its ability to cover infrastructure costs associated with the fundamental operations of the organization. The McKenzie Focus Watershed Program is no exception, with BPA funds covering costs associated with phones, mailings, travel within the watershed, and meeting provisions. With the amount of communication needed for the McKenzie Focus Program, the program would cease to function in absence of these vital funds from BPA. Informing constituents, as per the BPA funded newsletter mentioned above, is also crucial to the continued success and sustainability of the Focus Program.

The McKenzie Focus Program is structured by having multiple committees delegated to handle portions of the program. Committees include: an Executive Committee for the MWC, which provides oversight to Council Staff; a Water Quality Committee, which provides oversight to the council's award winning and comprehensive monitoring program; an Education Committee, which provides guidance to the Education Managers and advises the council; a Maintenance Partnership Working Group, which provides oversight to the recreation aspects of the council's program; and lastly, a Technical Team which provides guidance to the watershed restoration program. All of these committees are chaired by Council Staff, who assist the council in implementation of the committee's recommendations along with the council's annual work plan. BPA funds play a primary and key role by helping to fund staff, enabling the comprehensive watershed program to be well coordinated.

The table on a preceding page showed the large amount of grant dollars that the council secured in FY03, which the BPA funds helped leverage. The ability of the council to keep track of the grant expenditures as well as the reporting requirements to the grantors and BPA is enhanced by the council having Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. serve as its fiscal agent. Cascade's services include professional accounting, an annual audit, monthly account reports, reporting and legal advice. In working with large sums of public funds, these services are invaluable to the council as well as its grantors; this is money well spent by the BPA.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

BPA funds enable the council to continue coordination of a comprehensive and award winning program.



For example, BPA funds provide for the coordination of a partnership among USFS, BLM, ACE, EWEB, USGS, and DEQ for ambient water quality monitoring. This monitoring is conducted monthly on the mainstem McKenzie River at several locations. Resulting data is analyzed (DEQ) annually with information being presented to the MWC along with distribution in the newsletter and other outlets. The annual report can be downloaded from the council's website. Important trend information is being revealed from

the monitoring along with providing the council with good baseline information that has preceded the council's restoration program.

Another component of the council's monitoring program is its model approach of utilizing students, through experiential learning, to collect water quality data on 4 tributaries to the McKenzie. BPA funds help coordinate data collection efforts among landowners, school programs, and the council. Data is collected to DEQ sampling standards. The tributary results have led to several jurisdictions, for example, the City of Springfield, making changes in how they conduct their management and development actions.

For the past 4 years, the council has collected macroinvertebrates at 65 locations in the watershed.

Macroinvertebrates are suggested to be indicators to water and watershed health. Recently, the council completed analysis of the data and published the report on the council website. BPA funds enabled the council to coordinate the collection efforts of several hundred volunteers and agencies partners. In FY03, the council's water quality committee reviewed the program and made recommendations to the council for continued implementation of the macroinvertebrate sampling program. Recommendations included utilizing the data in new models (DEQ and Utah State) that predict the occurrence of taxa per stream conditions. The council will be pursuing this in FY04.



The Total Maximum Daily Load work has been initiated in the McKenzie Watershed. Council and DEQ collected water quality data show that temperature is the primary concern for the McKenzie. As part of the TMDL process, a Water Quality Management Plan must be developed. In cooperation with the DEQ, the council, through its water quality committee, agreed to be the lead entity in developing and writing the WQMP. Fifteen Designated Management Agencies are currently being coordinated by the council in producing various aspects of the WQMP. A draft of the plan was completed in September 2003. Completion of the plan is expected in FY04. The council will be looking at taking a lead role in implementation oversight of the plan once it is formally approved.



COORDINATION FOR THE FUTURE

The McKenzie Focus Watershed Program continues to meet its goals of coordinating a comprehensive watershed program. FY03 was an exceptional year for the council in terms of implementation. This is due to BPA's continued commitment to fund the program and the ability of the program to leverage BPA dollars at greater than a 4 to1 ratio. The council, through creating partnerships and a good dose of planning, it is anticipated that much will be accomplished in 2004. The McKenzie Watershed Council's efforts through its assessment, conservation strategy, implementation and education, furthers the goals of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Program.

Appendix 1: Watershed Council Member Self-Evaluation 2003

(The values in the tables represent stakeholder representatives responding to question; 18 reps on the Council at the time of the evaluation)

My role in the Watershed Council:

	Always	Sometimes	Never	Unsure	NA
1. I understand and can explain our council's purpose and mission.	12	1		1	
2. I am aware of the status and purpose of our current projects.	7	6		1	
3. I am actively involved in a project or committee.	7	7			
4. I understand our basic organization and governing rules/bylaws.	10	3		1	
5. I participate in council discussions and contribute to finding solutions to problems.	10	4			
6. I act as a liaison to the community by collecting and sharing information.	10	3	1		
7. I advocate for the council's vision and evaluate proposals with regard to the mission.	10	4			
8. I listen to other council members and respect our decision-making process.	13	1			
9. I play an active role in helping our council define and respect ground rules.	10	3	1		
10. I help ensure that council decisions are respected and supported outside meetings and in the community.	11	3			
11. I encourage others to be involved with our council and help look for ways to continue bringing in new members and participants.	9	4			

Membership:

	Always	Sometimes	Never	Unsure	NA
1. Our council has a broad, diverse membership which represents most interests in the watershed.	12	3			
2. Our membership requirements are clearly defined and communicated.	9	6			
3. Members understand their responsibilities and roles.	7	8			
4. New members are provided orientation and materials.	13	2			

Participation:

	Always	Sometimes	Never	Unsure	NA
5. Our council actively involves key people and community leaders in projects and/or activities.	12	3			
6. Our council members share a common vision and purpose.	6	8			
7. Members are aware of and involved in projects and/or activities.	7	8			

Accountability:

	Always	Sometimes	Never	Unsure	NA
8. The council reports progress and results to our county governing body.	11	3		1	
9. The council reports progress and results to all stakeholders.	11	4			
10. Community members know how to contact our group.	7	6		1	

Decision-making:

	Always	Sometimes	Never	Unsure	NA
11. Council members understand and use our chosen method of decision-making.	14	1			
12. Decisions are made fairly.	15				
13. Decisions are evaluated with regard to our mission and vision.	12	3			
14. Members know when a decision has been made	14	1			

Meetings:

	Always	Sometimes	Never	Unsure	NA
15. Meetings are well organized and productive.	12	3			
16. Our process is fair, open and honest.	12	1			
17. Members advocate for the group vision.	7	8			
18. Members feel free to contribute in meetings and activities.	13	2			

Staff Management:

	Always	Sometimes	Never	Unsure	NA
19. Council members understand the role of staff and their relationship to staff.	12	2		1	
20. The group has and uses an objective methodology for evaluating staff performance and compensation.	13	1		1	
21. Staff perform delegated tasks and keep the council informed.	14	1			
22. Council staff work with members in a supportive and professional environment.	14	1			

Fiscal & Project Management:

	Always	Sometimes	Never	Unsure	NA
23. Members are aware of the council's contractual commitments and understand their responsibility.	12	3			
24. Council members are aware of recordkeeping procedures and have access to records.	11	3		1	
25. Our council has a process for tracking project implementation and performance.	11	3		1	
26. Our council effectively carries out projects within schedules and budgets.	12	1		1	
27. Our council practices open and fair competition for goods and services.	9	2		4	
28. Our council gets involved in grant writing and developing strategies for funding operations and projects.	13	2			

Watershed Planning & Projects:

	Always	Sometimes	Never	Unsure	NA
29. Our council identifies key issues, limiting factors, and/or watershed conditions (assessments).	12	2		1	
30. Our council identifies and evaluates the major restoration priorities in our watershed (action plans).	12	2		1	
31. Activities and projects address the concerns identified and move us towards our desired outcomes.	11	3		1	
32. Our council actively involves stakeholders in watershed-level planning and project development.	11	3		1	
33. Our council annually evaluates its priorities and plans.	14			1	
34. Projects implemented by the council are monitored for their effectiveness.	7	6		2	
35. Our plans identify outcomes for the next three to five years.	7	6		2	

Citizen Involvement & Support:

	Always	Sometimes	Never	Unsure	NA
36. Our council and its projects are actively supported by:					
Local people	6	9			
Local government	8	7			
Industry and business	6	9			
Community groups	8	7			
Landowners	7	8			
Conservation interests	7	8			
37. Citizens understand our organization's purpose.	6	8		1	
38. Community members feel our council is successful and effective.	7	6		2	
39. Our council works to increase citizen understanding of watershed conditions and concerns.	14	1			